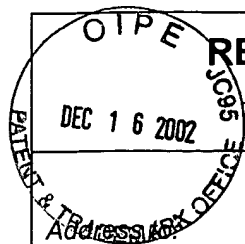


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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No. 98,666  
Application No. 09/217,347  
Filing Date: 12/21/1998  
First Named Inventor: John G. Fijolek  
Group Art Unit: 2611  
Examiner Name: Andrew Y. Koenig

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
- b. ☒ Other: Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time; Return Receipt Postcard.

APPLICATION FEES		
BASIC FEE		\$ 740.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time fee	+\$400.00	\$1,140.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Information Disclosure Statement Fee	+\$180.00	\$ 1,320.00
Total of above calculations =		\$ 1,320.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity =		\$(00.00)
TOTAL =		\$ 1,320.00

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3. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-2490 in the amount of \$
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,320.00 is enclosed.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees of the following types to Deposit Account No. 13-2490:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
  - c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
6. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

**7. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

☐ I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on the date indicated below.

☒ I hereby certify that, under 37 CFR § 1.10, I directed that the correspondence identified above be deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," addressed to Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below. Express Mail No. EL904281558US.

**8. USPTO CUSTOMER NUMBER****20306**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff****9. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name	Julian F. Santos
Reg. No.	47,917
Signature	
Date	December 16, 2002

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